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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A television program selection system, comprising:

a grid having a plurality of windows of television programs slotted for a particular time and channel, said grid containing a plurality of key frame images for each program of said television programs in respective windows of said plurality of windows; and means to select the slotted program one window of said plurality of windows to reveal a sequential showing of said respective key frame images of one program associated with the one window, while remaining windows of said plurality of windows continue to display previously displayed images of said key frame images, wherein the sequential showing represents a continuum of the slotted one program as it progresses.

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2. (Previously Presented) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images are invoked in said sequential showing follows the story line of the program.

3. (Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein one of said key frame images is highlighted.

4. (Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images comprise at least one sound byte.

5. (Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images comprise a textual message.

6. (Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image

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is most indicative of the theme of the program.

7.(Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprise a single color.

8.(Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

9.(Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

10.(Currently Amended) A method of selecting a preferred television program from a plurality of television programs, comprising the steps~~acts~~ of:

a) —choosing a specific program from a display of textually described programs; and

b) —displaying said specific program as a sequence of key

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frame images while continuing to display remaining ones of said
textually described programs, wherein the sequence of key frame
images represents a continuum of the slotted program as it
progresses.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of selecting a preferred
television program in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said
display of key frame images in accordance with ~~step (b)~~ the
displaying act sequentially follows the story line of said specific
program and at least one of said key frame images is highlighted.

12. (Original) The television program selection method in
accordance with Claim 10, wherein said key frame images comprise at
least one sound bite.

13. (Original) The television program selection method in
accordance with Claim 10, wherein said key frame images comprise a
textual message.

14. (Original) The television program selection method in

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accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image is most indicative of the theme of the program.

15. (Original) The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a single color.

16. (Original) The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

17. (Original) The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

18. (Currently Amended) A television program selection system, comprising a grid of windows including television programs slotted for a particular time and channel, said grid displaying a plurality of key frame images of each television program selected by a television viewer wherein the key frame images represents a

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continuum of the slotted program as it progresses, and wherein a selected program of said television programs is displayed as a sequence of key frame images, while remaining ones of said windows continue to be displayed.

19. (Original) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 18, wherein each selected television program comprises a sound bite.

20. (Previously Presented) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said grid displays a sequence of key frame images for each program and further wherein said sequence follows the storyline of that particular program.

21. (New) The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said sequential showing of said respective key frame images of said one program includes flashing images of said respective key frame images.

22. (New) The television program selection system in

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accordance with Claim 1, wherein said grid is displayed on a remote controller of the television program selection system.